

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph that begins on Page 43, line 19 and carries over to Page 44, line 12 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- As has been demonstrated, the present invention defines techniques for programmatically generating a ranked list of suitable target systems for a particular product-specific software installation, using a generic approach that is easily adaptable to a wide variety of software products. Preferred embodiments leverage an object model and framework that provide a standard, consistent approach to software installation across many variable factors such as product and vendor boundaries, computing environment platforms, and the language of the underlying code as well as the preferred natural language of the installer, as was disclosed in the related inventions. An implementation of the present invention may include the teachings of one or more of these related inventions. In alternative embodiments, the techniques disclosed herein may be used to programmatically ~~generating~~ generate a ranked list of suitable target systems when building an installation image according to a model other than that disclosed in the related inventions. Use of the techniques disclosed herein provides for efficient, successful product installation by an information technology professional with little or no product-specific knowledge. --